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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Health Officers
Directors of Nursing
Communicable Disease Directors
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FROM: David Blythe, MD, MPH
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RE: **SARS Planning Checklist**

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), in collaboration with the CDC, has developed the attached "State and Local Health Official Epidemic SARS Checklist" to help state and local jurisdictions plan for a situation where SARS becomes more widespread in the United States.

We are making this detailed ASTHO/NACCHO checklist available to you for use in your jurisdiction as you make plans to prepare for a more widespread SARS epidemic. We hope that you find this checklist useful for other planning efforts underway in your department, too.

If you have any questions about this checklist, please contact me at 410-767-6685.

Attachments:
(hard copy sent to Communicable Disease Directors only)

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